

LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following is a copy of Applicants' claims that identifies language being added with underlining (" ") and language being deleted with strikethrough (""), as is applicable:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of simulating a creature for use in two different complexities of simulation, the method comprising:

utilizing a model of the creature that comprises at least two portions:

a first portion which contains functions for use in both of said different complexities of simulation; and

a second portion comprising two alternative versions:

a first version for use in one of said different complexities of simulation; and

a second version for use in the other of said different complexities of simulation,

wherein said first portion comprises a behavior selection mechanism arranged to select the behavior of said creature and said second portion is arranged to execute the selected behavior.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein said behavior selection mechanism is arranged to select the behavior based upon at least one of:

the current behavioral state;

one or more internal state variables of the creature;

the environment surrounding the creature; and

one or more sensory inputs to said creature.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein said behavior selection mechanism consists of a set of mutually exclusive behavioral states.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second version is for use in the less complex of the simulations, and is arranged to approximate the functionality of the first version.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first version utilizes a neural network.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first version utilizes a three dimensional physical simulation of an animat, and the second version utilizes a parameterized model of the animat to approximate movement.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of simulating activities of a plurality of creatures, the method comprising utilizing at least two modes of simulation:

a first mode arranged to simulate the activities of all of said creatures; and

a second mode arranged to simulate an activity of at least one of said creatures at a more detailed level than said first mode, wherein a model of a creature simulated in both modes of simulation comprises at least two portions:

a first portion which contains functions arranged for use in both of said modes of simulation; and

a second portion comprising two alternative versions, a first version for use in said first mode of simulation, and a second version for use in the second mode.

10. (Previously Presented) A method of simulating a process at two different levels of complexity, the method comprising:

utilizing a model that comprises at least two portions:

a first portion which contains functions for use in both of said different complexities of simulation; and

a second portion comprising two alternative versions:

a first version for use in one of said different complexities of simulation; and

a second version for use in the other of said different complexities of simulation, wherein the second version is for use in the less complex of the simulations, and is arranged to approximate the functionality of the first version.

11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising evaluating one or more conditions to determine a result of a rule for selecting which of the two alternative versions of the second portion to use in simulating the process.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the first version utilizes a neural network.

14. (Previously Presented) A simulator device arranged to simulate a creature in two different complexities of simulation, the device being arranged to utilise a model of the creature that comprises at least two portions:

a first portion which contains functions used in both of said different complexities of simulation; and

a second portion comprising two alternative versions, a first version used in one of said different complexities of simulation, and second version used in the other of said different complexities of simulation, wherein the second version is for use in the less complex of the simulations, and is arranged to approximate the functionality of the first version.